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RESOLUTION NO. 287-08

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE
LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A SILVER ALERT
PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million Americans with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia go missing. If an elderly person is not found within 24 hours, there is a 50% chance that the individual can suffer a serious injury or die; and,

WHEREAS, there are ten (10) states across the county using a Silver Alert Program inspired by Amber Alerts for missing children; and,

WHEREAS, these Silver Alert Programs have led to safe recoveries of seniors and saved lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby urges the State Legislature to enact a Silver Alert Program similar to the Amber Alert used for missing children.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Strickland, and the Ohio State Representatives and State Senators representing our area urging them to enact a similar alert program to the Amber Alert used for missing children. The Clerk is further authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to all cities in Cuyahoga County as an indication of the Council's urging for them to pass similar legislation.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to upcoming discussion on the need to help Alzheimer and dementia patients, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO